

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the comments in the Advisory Action which has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Advisory Action.

Amendments

The Applicant has amended claim 1 with the subject matter of claim 7. Additionally, the Applicant has amended claim 9 with the subject matter of claim 17. Furthermore, the Applicant has amended claim 21 with the subject matter of claim 29. Claims 7, 17, and 29 have subsequently been canceled. Claim 31 has also been amended to remove the additional “the” from the claim.

The Applicant respectfully submits that no new subject matter has been introduced by the amendments.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s conclusion in the Advisory Action.

In order to expedite the allowance of the current application, the Applicant has amended the independent claims as mentioned above. In regard to claim 1, as currently amended, this claim now requires *“an instruction reader adapted to read at least one image manipulation instruction disposed in or on a manipulation instruction printed medium, the instruction reader being adapted to provide the at least one image manipulation instruction to the image manipulator, the image manipulator being adapted to manipulate the captured image to form the manipulated image in response to receiving the at least one image manipulation instruction”*.

The Examiner previously rejected in the Final Office Action the subject matter of claim 7 in view of Kairouz (US Patent No 5,812,071). In particular, the Examiner referred to at page 26 of the Final Office Action Figure 1 item 28 read by item 18; also column 5 lines 26 *et seq.*

However, it is clear that item 28 is a magnetic disk. A magnetic disk is not a manipulation instruction printed medium as clearly a magnetic disk does not have the information printed in or on the magnetic surface. Therefore, Jain et al in view of Kairouz fails to teach or suggest an instruction reader adapted to perform the above using a manipulation instruction printed medium. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not obvious in view of Jain et al in view of Kairouz. The above arguments similarly apply to the remaining independent claims.

Based on these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

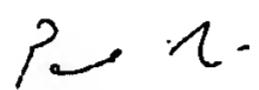
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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